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SUMMARY: THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA CONCLUDED
ITS SERIES OF PLENARY STATEMENTS MAY 2, WITH VOTING
ON THE RECOMMENDED DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF WORK
SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF MAY 3. AMONG THE
FINAL SPEAKERS WAS US AMB MCHENRY WHO REAFFIRMED US
COMMITMENT TO AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT
OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION AND CALLED ON ALL CONCERNED TO
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CONSIDER WESTERN FIVE PROPOSALS AS A WHOLE AND IN TERMS
OF ALTERNATIVES. OTHER SPEAKERS IN AFTERNOON MEETING
WERE PAPUA NEW GUINEA, RWANDA, ALGERIA, BARBADOS, CAPE
VERDE, ZAIRE, EAUATORIAL GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU AND LIBYA.
END SUMMARY.

2. OPENING THE MAY 2 AFTERNOON MEETING OF THE SPECIAL

UNGA SESSION ON NAMIBIA, AMB MATANE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA CATEGORICALLY REJECTED THE TURNHALLE PLAN FOR NAMIBIA BUT CONSIDERED THE LUSAKA DECLARATION AND THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL TO BE "POINTING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION." MATANE SAID THAT WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "PART AND PARCEL OF THE WHOLE NAMIBIAN QUESTION." HE CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, THE USE OF UNITED NATIONS FORCES, THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND EARLY UN-SUPERVISED ELECTION, THE DRAWING UP OF A CONSTITUTION WITH LEGAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UN, AND THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF ALL MAJOR FOREIGN BUSINESSES IN NAMIBIA (WITH A SYSTEM OF PART-OWNERSHIP UNTIL THE NAMIBIANS THEMSELVES COULD RUN AND OWN THE BUSINESSES). MATANE CONCLUDED BY CONGRATULATING SWAPO FOR ITS STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, PRIDE, AND SELF-RESPECT.

3. AMB KARUHIJE OF RWANDA MADE A STANDARD POLEMICAL ATTACK ON SOUTH AFRICA'S "ANACHRONISTIC COLONIALISM," "SYSTEMATIC VIOLENCE", AND "CRIMINAL AGGRESSION" IN NAMIBIA. HE SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA MOCKED ANY CONTROLS OVER THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THREATENED INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND THE UN CHARTER ITSELF. KARUHIJE DECRIED THE "CHARADE" OF THE TURNHALLE AGREEMENT OF "PUPPET TRIBAL CHIEFS", AND HE CRITICIZED SOUTH AFRICA'S "BANTUSTANIZATION" OF NAMIBIA
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AND ATTEMPTS TO ANNEX WALVIS BAY. HE NOTED THAT THE WESTERN PROPOSALS GAVE RISE TO HOPE BUT THAT THEY STILL CAUSED HIS DELEGATION SOME CONCERN. HE QUESTIONED THE SINCERITY OF SOUTH AFRICA IN NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT.

4. ALGERIAN REP MAOUI DECRIED THE "CONCENTRATION CAMP" ORGANIZED BY SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA AND ALSO THE "EXTRAORDINARY WAR MACHINE" OF SOUTH AFRICA. HE CRITICIZED SOUTH AFRICA'S CREATION OF "TRIBAL UNITS" IN NAMIBIA AND ITS ANNEXATION OF WALVIS BAY. MAOUI EXPRESSED SCORN FOR THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVES AND SAID THAT THERE IS "COLLUSION" BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND "CERTAIN WESTERN POWERS". HE SAID THAT COLOSSAL INVESTMENTS AND THE TRANSFER OF HIGH LEVEL TECHNOLOGY BY CERTAIN COUNTRIES TO SOUTH AFRICA HAD ENABLED SOUTH AFRICA TO CONTINUE ITS POLICIES OF REPRESSION. HE ASSERTED THAT THE UN ALONE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION AND IT WAS TIME THE WESTERN POWERS ALLIED THEMSELVES WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IF THE PRETORIA REGIME PERSISTED IN ITTINACY, HE ADVOCATED ECONOMIC SANCTIONS.

5. AMB BLACKMAN OF BARBADOS DELIVERED A HARSH POLEMICAL
SPEECH IN WHICH HE CALLED THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME
"PRIMITIVE RACISTS" AND "LIARS AND CRIMINALS". HE
RECIHO ASSERTED THAT THOSE COUN-
FROR THEIR EFFORT, BUT HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT THOSE COUN-
TRIES HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THE PROBLEM
THROUGH END. HE URGED AN END TO ALL FORMS OF
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA AND ECONOMIC
SANCTIONS WITHOUT DELAY. HE DENOUNCED THE "SPECIOUS
LEGAL ARGUMENT" THAT WLAVIS BAY IS NOT AN INTEGRAL PART
OF NAMIBIA. BLACKMAN CALLED FOR A SOLUTION IN THE CONTEXT
OF SC RES 385, TERMED SWAPO THE ONLY LEGITIMATE SPOKESMAN
FOR THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR A
UN TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE GROUP AND A UN SPECIAL
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6. AMB DA LUZ OF CAPE VERDE SAID THAT FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS RUN COUNTER TO NAMIBIA'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND HELP PERPETUATE THE ABUSES OF THE PRETORIA REGIME. HE DENOUNCED SOUTH AFRICA'S ANNEXATION OF WALVIS BAY AND ITS POLICY OF "BANTUSTANIZATION" IN NAMIBIA. DA LUZ SAID THAT THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE WERE EXPRESSED BY SWAPO, AND HE APPROVED OF THE LUSAKA DECLARATION.

7. AMB KABEYA WA MUKEBA OF ZAIRE SAID THAT THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL WAS NOT FULLY SATISFACTORY BUT A SOLID
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BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE PROPOSAL'S FAILURE TO MENTION WALVIS BAY -- AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. HE ALSO QUESTIONED GRANTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER TO THE EXISTING POLICE RATHER THAN TO THE U.N., AND THOUGHT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.N. SPECIAL REP AND THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL NEEDED CLARIFYING. BUT HE NOTED THAT THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE WESTERN PLAN WAS A U.N. MILITARY PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA WHICH WOULD CREATE AN "IRREVERSIBLE FACT." MUKEBA CALLED UPON THE PARTIES TO MAKE CONCESSIONS, AND ON SWAPO TO ACCEPT THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, WHILE EXPRESSING ITS RESERVATIONS ON SUCH ITEMS AS WALVIS BAY.

8. AMB OWONO ASANGONO OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA MADE A POLEMICAL ATTACK ON SOUTH AFRICAN POLICIES IN NAMIBIA. HE CALLED A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT "ILLUSORY." HE CONDEMNED WESTERN COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND NOTED THE "NUCLEAR ASPECTS" OF SUCH COOPERATION. HE CALLED FOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. HE DECRIED SOUTH AFRICA'S "ANNEXATION" OF WALVIS BAY AND ITS MOVES TOWARD AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. HE DECLARED THAT THE COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA MUST NOT BE SET ASIDE IN ANY SOLUTION AND EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S MORAL, DIPLOMATIC, AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR SWAPO.

9. U.S. AMB MCHENRY MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE WESTERN FIVE WERE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NECESSARY REGARDING THEIR PROPOSAL. HE URGED THE PARTIES IN CONSIDERING THE PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER ALSO THE ALTERNATIVES IN THE HARSH LIGHT OF PRACTICAL POLITICAL REALITIES -- IN THE LIGHT OF 30 YEARS OF RESOLUTIONS

WHICH HAVE NOT REMOVED SOUTH AFRICA FROM NAMIBIA. THE
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CURRENT SITUATION COULD BE CONTINUED AND THE CYCLE OF
REPRESSION COULD GO ON UNABATED. THE WESTERN FIVE
ALTERNATIVE HAS THE CLEAR POSSIBILITY OF ENDING THE
CYCLE OF REPRESSION AND VIOLENCE. HE CONCLUDED BY
REAFFIRMING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO THE GOAL
OF ATTAINING AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT
FOR AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. (FULL TEXT SENT ADDRESSEES
BY DEPT CABLE.)

10. AMB FERNANDES OF GUINEA-BISSAU SAID THAT HIS DELEGA-
TION HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE
BUT WAS WILLING TO GIVE IT THE "BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT".
REGARDING WALVIS BAY, HIS DELEGATION AGREED WITH SWAPO THAT
THE WESTERN FIVE POSITION WAS "AN UNFORTUNATE COMPROMISE".
HE CONCLUDED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD BEGIN TO
CONSIDER APPLICATION OF CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS.

11. AMB KIKHIA OF LIBYA DISCUSSED THE HISTORY OF UN
INVOLVEMENT IN THE NAMIBIA QUESTION AND BLAMED THE WEST
FOR DEFENDING SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH USE OF THE "VETO". HE
CASTIGATED THE WEST AT LENGTH, WINNING NO FRIENDS AS
FINAL SPEAKER IN THE SERIES OF PLENARY STATEMENTS BY
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